I. L.

By the Maior.

A Proclamation for Reformation of abuſes, in the Gaole of Newv-gate.

WHereas of late, notorious Mutinies and Out-rages haue bin committed by the Priſoners Within the Gaole of Newgate, Which is conceyued to growe through the negligence of the Keepers, ſuffering their Priſoners to become drunke and diſordered, permitting them Wine, Tobacco, exceſſiue ſtrong drinke, gaming, and reſort of Women of leWd behauiour. By reaſon of Which libertie, diſſolute and leWd perſonnes, Who commit Thefts and Robberies, take a kind of comfort, and gather heart in the ſaide Gaole, and are in ſome ſort incited to commit Fellonies, vpon hope of the leWd Company, and ſuch leWd Comforts as they finde in the ſaid Gaole. For Reformation Whereof, and to preuent aſWell all manner Oppreſſion in the Gaolers, and licentiouſneſſe of Priſoners: and to the end henceforth to take aWay all manner of hope in ſuch as ſhall be thither ſent for offences, that they ſhall not finde ſuch leWd and ſhamefull comforts as they haue heeretofore there found, and to the end, to containe the Priſoners Within a diſcipline, that Mutinies and Inſolencies may bee preuented.

1. Firſt, It is thought fit, ordered, and Commanded by the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen, That the Maſter of the ſame Gaole, bee attendant himſelfe vpon the ſaid Gaole, and that the ſame be not Farmed out, directly, nor by any manner cunning or indirect meane Whatſoeuer.

2 Secondly, That the Gaoler, Keepers, Seruants, or vnder Officers, ſhall not permit or ſuffer any Beere or Ale to bee receiued or brought into the ſaide Gaole or Priſon, but onely of the price of eight ſhillings the barrell, or of foure ſhillings the barrell, nor ſuffer the diſſolute ſort of Priſoners in the Common gaole, to haue any Wine at all to be brought vnto them.

3 Thirdly, that there be a full Ale-quart of eight ſhillings Beere or Ale ſolde for a peny, and ſo deliuered to the Priſoners, and according to that rate, pint or halfe pint: and the like meaure of foure ſhillings Beere or Ale for a halfe peny: and that the Priſoners haue Bread and all other Victuals according to the aſſize, and at vſuall and common prizes, and that there be no oppreſſion or exaction for their beds or lodging.

4 Fourthly, that the Gaoler, Keepers, Seruants, or vnder Officers in the ſaide gaole, ſhall not ſuffer the taking of Tobacco by the diſſolute ſort of priſoners in the common gaole: and to that end ſhall ſearch and vieW all Whatſoeuer that ſhall be brought into the ſaid priſon for the vſe of any priſoner there, that no Tobacco nor Tobacco-pipes, Candles, or other things to fire their Tobacco be brought to them.

5 Fiftly, That the ſaide Gaolers, keepers, ſeruants, or vnder Officers, do take ſuch care, and vſe ſuch diligence, that the men priſoners and Women priſoners bee kept aſunder, and not ſuffered to come together in anie part of the ſaide priſon, except it be at the time of diuine Seruice, receiuing of the Sacrament, or hearing of Sermons.

6 Sixtly, that the ſaid Gaoler, keepers, ſeruants, or vnder Officers, ſhall not take any fee of any Priſoner committed for Fellony, or ſuſpition of Fellony, nor of any perſon that ſhall haue occaſion to come or reſort to them or to any of them, to bring them meate, drink, or other needfull prouiſions, for, or in reſpect onely of turning of the key, or opening the doore for ſuch perſon bringing ſuch prouiſion to any priſoner.

7 Seuenthly, That the ſaide Gaoler, keepers, Seruants, or vnder Officers, ſhal not ſuffer any Woman to be With any man priſoner alone in the priſon, but onely the Wife, Mother, Siſter, or neere kinſWoman of ſuch priſoner, and ſo knoWne to the keeper before ſhe bee admitted.

8 Eightly, that the ſaide gaoler, keepers, ſeruants, or vnder Officers, ſhall take no Fees for, or in reſpect of releaſe or eaſe of Irons, but ſuch as at his perill hee may lawfully iuſtifye and auoW.

Tobacco, excessiue strong drinke, gaming, and resort of Women of lewd behauiour. By reason of which libertie, dissolute and lewd personnes, Who commit Thefts and Robberies, take a kind of comfort, and gather heart in the saide Gaole, and are in some sort incited to commit Fellonies, vpon hope of the lewd Company, and such lewd Comforts as they finde in the said Gaole. For Reformation Whereof, and to preuent aswell all manner Oppression in the Gaolers, and licentiousnesse of Prisoners: and to the end hencefoorth to take away all manner of hope in such as shall be thither sent for offences, that they shall not finde such lewd and shamefull comforts as they haue heeretofore there found, and to the end, to containe the Prisoners within a discipline, that Mutinies and Insolencies may bee preuented.

1. First, It is thought fit, ordered, and Commanded by the Lord Maior and Court of Aldermen, That the Master of the same Gaole, bee attendant himselfe vpon the said Gaole, and that the same be not Farmed out, directly, nor by any manner cunning or indirect meane whatsoeuer.

2 Secondly, That the Gaoler, Keepers, Seruants, or vnder Officers, shall not permit or suffer any Beere or Ale to bee receiued or brought into the saide Gaole or Prison, but onely of the price of eight shillings the barrell, or of foure shillings the barrell, nor suffer the dissolute sort of Prisoners in the Common gaole, to haue any Wine at all to be brought vnto them.

3 Thirdly, that there be a full Ale-quart of eight shillings Beere or Ale solde for a peny, and so deliuered to the Prisoners, and according to that rate, pint or halfe pint: and the like meaure of foure shillings Beere or Ale for a halfe peny: and that the Prisoners haue Bread and all other Victuals according to the assize, and at vsuall and common prizes, and that there be no oppression or exaction for their beds or lodging.

4 Fourthly, that the Gaoler, Keepers, Seruants, or vnder Officers in the saide gaole, shall not suffer the taking of Tobacco by the dissolute sort of prisoners in the common gaole: and to that end shall search and view all whatsoeuer that shall be brought into the said prison for the vse of any prisoner there, that no Tobacco nor Tobacco-pipes, Candles, or other things to fire their Tobacco be brought to them.

5 Fiftly, That the saide Gaolers, keepers, seruants, or vnder Officers, do take such care, and vse such diligence, that the men prisoners and Women prisoners bee kept asunder, and not suffered to come together in anie part of the saide prison, except it be at the time of diuine Seruice, receiuing of the Sacrament, or hearing of Sermons.

6 Sixtly, that the said Gaoler, keepers, seruants, or vnder Officers, shall not take any fee of any Prisoner committed for Fellony, or suspition of Fellony, nor of any person that shall haue occasion to come or resort to them or to any of them, to bring them meate, drink, or other needfull prouisions, for, or in respect onely of turning of the key, or opening the doore for such person bringing such prouision to any prisoner.

7 Seuenthly, That the saide Gaoler, keepers, Seruants, or vnder Officers, shal not suffer any Woman to be With any man [redacted] prisoner alone in the prison, but onely the Wife, Mother, Sister, or neere kinswoman of such prisoner, and so knowne to the keeper before she bee admitted.

8 Eightly, that the saide gaoler, keepers, seruants, or vnder Officers, shall take no Fees for, or in respect of release or ease of Irons, but such as at his perill hee may lawfully iustifye and auow.

9 Ninthly, that if any Prisoners mutiny, or bee insolent, or shall harten or giue euill example to others, in stirring other prisoners in Word or deede to mutiny, that then such prisoner so offending, be loaden With more Irons, and that he be put into the Dungeon, or otherwise chastized in the discretion of the Master keeper, so as the same chastisement tend not to the losse of life or limbe.

10 Tenthly, for auoyding quarrelles in the gaole, that no prisoner bee permitted to play in the saide gaole, at Cards, Dice, or any other game whatsoeuer.

11 Eleuenthly, Whereas there hath beene heeretofore vsed a drunken manner of Garnish in Wine or other strong drinke, by all such prisoners as go to the Maisters side at their first commitment to Newgate: It is ordered and thought fit that the same vsage bee vtterly put downe and disallowed, and to be hencefoorth no more vsed.

12 Lastly, That the gaoler nor any of the vnder-keepers do take aboue twelue pence for any one times attendance With any Prisoner, When the same Prisoner is by Commandement of any Iustice of Peace to bee brought before him.

The Gaoler offending in any of the Premisses, shall for the first offence forfeyte and pay twenty pounds, and for the second offence forty poundes, and for the third offence to lose his place, and to bee for euer disabled to keepe that gaole or any other gaole, Within the Citie of London, and the Liberties thereof.

Dated at the Guildhall, the xxiij. day of September, in the yeere of our Lord God, 1617.

God saue the King.

Printed by William Iaggard, Printer to the Honourable Citie of London. 1617.